Note: A full recording of the meeting is on file in the Clerk's Office and on the School Division website.

A Regular Board Meeting of the Albemarle County School Board was held on September 10, 2009 at 6:30 p.m., Lane Auditorium, County Office Building, 401 McIntire Road, Charlottesville, Virginia 22902.

PRESENT: Mrs. Barbara Massie Mouly; Mrs. Pamela Moynihan; Mr. Brian Wheeler; Mr. Stephen Koleszar; Mrs. Diantha McKeel; and Mr. Ronnie Price.

ABSENT: Mr. Jon Stokes.

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Pam Moran, Superintendent; Dr. Bruce Benson, Assistant Superintendent for Operations and System Planning; Mr. Billy Haun, Assistant Superintendent for Student Learning; Dr. Luvelle Brown, Chief Information Officer; Mr. Meade Harris, Management Analyst, Support Services; Mr. Joe Letteri, Director of Building Services; Mr. Jackson Zimmermann, Executive Director of Fiscal Services; Ms. Annie Kim, Senior Assistant County Attorney; and Mrs. Jennifer Johnston, Clerk.

Agenda Item No. 1.1. Call to Order.

At 6:32 p.m., Mr. Wheeler called the Albemarle County School Board meeting back to order.

Agenda Item No. 1.2. Pledge of Allegiance.
Agenda Item No. 1.3. Moment of Silence.

Agenda Item No. 2.1. Agenda.

Mrs. McKeel offered a **motion** to approve the agenda. Mrs. Moynihan **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed.**

Agenda Item No. 3.1. Consent Agenda.

3.1 Approval of Consent Agenda
3.2 Compensation to Board for Quitclaim Deed
3.3 Proposed Rental Fee Structure for Synthetic Turf Field at Monticello High School
3.4 Donation to Synthetic Turf Field at Albemarle High School
3.5 USDA – Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) Grant
3.6 Personnel Action

Mrs. McKeel offered a **motion** to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Koleszar **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed.**

Agenda Item No. 5.1. Announcements.

Mrs. Collins provided the Board with an overview of the summer school programs that the division provided over the summer. Mrs. McKeel asked what Passports is. Ms. Collins said that it is a foreign language program offered to elementary school students as an enrichment program.

Agenda Item No. 6.1. Public Comment.

Mr. Wheeler noted the change suggested for public comment. He asked for the Board to provided feedback on the suggestion.

Mr. Ed Brooks spoke about the southern feeder pattern idea of closing the three small elementary schools. He provided the Board with information on the history and value of Yancey Elementary School.

Ms. Kelsey Johnson spoke about the Long-Range Planning Advisory Committee. She knows how committees work and she knows how they do not work. A committee never makes a recommendation without doing research and carefully studied the pros and cons. If one cannot do this job then they should not make a recommendation. The Long-Range Planning Advisory Committee report was flawed and if they do not know how to carry out the research and analysis then they should not be making recommendations to the Board.

Ms. Stephanie Morris is a parent. She served on the southern feeder pattern study group, and they were not given the opportunity to make a recommendation. She has three students in the division – two at Red Hill and one at Hollymead. She was Volunteer of the year for Red Hill last year and she takes pride in the work that she does at Red Hill. She finds it difficult to make a difference at Hollymead because of the distance and time. She feels that if the southern schools were closed then the schools will lose their sense of community and the support of volunteers.

Agenda Item No. 7.1. School Board and Superintendent Business.

Mr. Wheeler asked the Board for their feedback on the public comment suggestion. Mr. Koleszar said that it is quite a change but he could see where at times that it would be helpful. The time allowed on the agenda is too restrictive. Mr. Wheeler said that if the Board liked the approach then it could be put into policy. Mrs. Mouly asked how much time is scheduled. Mr. Wheeler said that usually between 15 and 20 minutes is scheduled but the Board listens to however many people sign up. Mr. Price said that if you put a time limit on public comment then it sends a mixed message – we want to hear from the community but we are restricting the amount of time that we will take public comment. Mrs. McKeel said that we are trying to fix a problem that is really not a problem. Mrs. Moynihan said that feels that it is necessary. She feels that at times public comment takes the Board away from taking care of the business that needs to be taken care of. She thinks that it will help move the meeting along. Mrs. McKeel said that we do not get large crowds often. She would hate to change policy for events that do not happen often. She does not want to make the change when there is an event/recommendation before the Board that may bring large amount of people. She is not in favor of making a change at this time. Mr. Koleszar is on the fence – he does not like to limit comment and could be dealt with at the time the issue arises. Mr. Wheeler said that he likes it because it will allow people to plan for public comment because the Board is only taking comment for a certain amount of time at the beginning of the meeting then the rest would be at the end of the meeting. **There was Board consensus that this change would not take place at this time.**

Mr. Haun provided the Board with an update on enrollment and trend data over the last four years. Mrs. McKeel said that it was interesting that Albemarle County has had an increase at PREP of about ten blind students.

Mrs. Johnston said that sending out school newsletters electronically or in hardcopy will no longer be taking place. A website has been developed and Board members are asked to subscribe to the webpage. When updates are made, the Board will be notified.

Dr. Benson said that staff is working on a plan with the Health Department to provide H1N1 shots to students. Mrs. McKeel asked if we would use our school nurses to provide the shots. Dr. Benson said that is the part that is being worked on.

Dr. Benson and Mr. Harris provided the Board with an overview of the information that can be viewed and/or gathered with the GPS systems that the Transportation Department purchased. Mr. Price asked if the public could view this information. Dr. Benson said that we are not at that point yet.

Dr. Benson said that the Governor released his reduction plan to address the revenue shortfall. Staff needs more information from the State in order to realize the impact on the division. More information will be provided to the Board in the coming weeks.

Mr. Wheeler asked the Board to notify the School Board Office if they plan on attending the VSBA Annual Convention. In addition, he asked Board members to notify the Clerk if they are interested in attending the NSBA Conference in April.

Agenda Item No. 8.1. Bright Stars – First Class Graduates from High School

Ms. Charity Haines, Bright Stars Coordinator, and Ms. Terri Higgins, Bright Stars teacher, summarized the staff report, which is on file in the School Board Office. She introduced the first class of Bright Stars high school graduates who were in attendance at the meeting. The Board congratulated them on their accomplishment.

Agenda Item No. 8.2. AYP/SOL Report

Dr. Brown summarized the staff report, which is on file in the School Board Office.

There were no Board questions or discussion at this time on the information provided.

Agenda Item No. 8.3. Break

There was a break from 8:20 p.m. until 8:40 p.m.

Agenda Item No. 8.4. Vehicle Maintenance Facility Improvements Schematic & Design Development.

Mr. Letteri and Mr. Jack Clark, Rancorn, Wildman Architects, summarized the staff report, which is on file in the School Board Office.

Mrs. McKeel said by the entry way there is a concrete hole. Mr. Clark said that it is not being used right now. Mr. Letteri said that it is an easement for the Service Authority. At one point it was used for storm water. It is an abandoned structure currently. Mrs. McKeel asked if it fills up with water and draws mosquitoes. Mr. Letteri said that he has not seen water in it, but he will check on it.

Mrs. McKeel said that there are neighborhoods behind this area, are we going to negatively impact the neighborhoods with lighting? Mr. Clark said no, the lighting meets the county guidelines and the lights can be turned off in sections.

Mr. Wheeler asked if there were any waivers that would need to be asked for. Mr. Clark said no, the site plan has already been approved.

Mrs. Moynihan asked if solar panels would be used for the lighting. Mr. Clark said no. Mrs. Moynihan asked if it was more expensive. Mr. Clark said it would be and you would be trying to light things at night.

Mr. Koleszar offered a **motion** to approve the design for the Vehicle Maintenance project and provide authorization to proceed to the Bidding and Construction phase. Mrs. McKeel **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed.**

Agenda Item No. 8.5. Capital Improvement Program (CIP) FY2010/11 – 2014/15

Mr. Letteri summarized the staff report, which is on file in the School Board Office.

Mrs. Mouly asked when the Board would vote on this item. Mr. Wheeler said after the joint meeting in November and after the Superintendent makes her recommendation on the southern feeder pattern elementary schools.

Mr. Koleszar asked why if on the southern elementary school the cost per foot is different in other projects. Mr. Letteri said that it is due to economies of scale.

Mrs. McKeel said that the suggestion to push out the Greer addition will be a shock to that community. She also asked about the ESOL offices. Mr. Letteri said that one of the driving forces of the Greer addition was because some were not to state standards. Once the addition was built there was additional capacity created in the old part of the building. ESOL needs space and it was being considered to put the program in some old classrooms at Greer.

Mr. Price if the Burley field house include work on the track. Mr. Letteri said that this has to do with the baseball field behind Burley – it has nothing to do with track. There is a track request in the second year of the request for Burley. Mr. Price asked that it be considered for the track to be paved instead of gravel.

Mrs. Moynihan said that in the recommendation there is a recommendation for a new southern elementary school but no costs for renovations to the schools. Mr. Letteri said that he has that information but this is the recommendation from the Long-Range Planning Advisory Committee. Dr. Benson said that once the Board makes a decision on the southern elementary schools the CIP will be changed to reflect the Board's decision if needed.

Mr. Wheeler said that the Places 29 Master Plan is coming to the Planning Commission for public hearing soon, is staff in the loop on school facilities. Mr. Letteri said that staff has reviewed it and submitted comments.

Mrs. McKeel said that she thought there was an issue at Albemarle High School with the sound system not just the lighting. Mr. Letteri said that he believes that the sound system was replaced but not the lighting system.

Agenda Item No. 8.6. FY 2010-11 Budget Calendar.

Mr. Zimmermann summarized the staff report, which is on file in the School Board Office.

Mrs. McKeel offered a **motion** to approve the budget calendar as presented. Mrs. Moynihan **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed.**

A**genda Item No. 9.1. Public Comment (if needed).** None.

Agenda Item No. 9.2. Other Business by Board Members/Superintendent.

Dr. Moran reminded the Board of the MESA open house at Albemarle High School.

Mr. Koleszar expressed concern about the length of the bus tour. He asked that the Board consider skipping a tour of Baker-Butler Elementary School. Dr. Benson said that it was added so that the Board could see a newer building, but it could be removed from the tour.

Dr. Benson provided the Board with the amount of donations received by both Albemarle and Western Albemarle High Schools for the installation of a turf field at each school.

Agenda Item No. 10.1. Closed Meeting. None.
Agenda Item No. 11.1. Certify Closed Meeting. None.

Agenda Item No 12.1. Adjournment.

At 9:41 p.m., Mr. Price offered a **motion** to adjourn the meeting of the Albemarle County School Board. Mrs. McKeel **seconded** the motion, **and the motion passed.**

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Chairman

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Clerk